आपूर्ति की गुणवत्ता के अनुसार किया जाता है ।

Foreign exchange spent on the Import of Petro-Chemicals

703. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) how much foreign exchange has been spent annually on account of import of petro-chemicals during the last three years; and

(b) what measures are proposed to reduce the import of petrochemicals?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The information is being collected.

(b) Various steps are being taken to reduce imports of petrochemical items, including setting-up some petro-chemical complex to increase indigenous availability of petrochemicals.

Export of bicycles

704. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which Government are exporting bicycles at present;

(b) whether Indian bicycles have a very good market in USA and some other countries; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to increase the export of bicycles to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) According to information received from the Ministry of Commerce, complete bicycles are being exported from India to more than 50 countries major among them being Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria and Srilanka. Bicycle components are being exported to more than 60 countries, the main ones being Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Singapore Thailand, Italy and Netherlands.

(b) USA & EEC offer good prospects for modern bicycles.

(c) In order to increase exports, Government have allowed specified plant machinery for production of bicycles to be imported at concessional rates of customs duty against on export obligation of bicycles. The industry is also eligible for cash compensatory support at the rate of 18 percent of FOB value for new model bicycles and 12 percent for existing models.

Commissioner of Railway Safety's report on the accident of Secunderabad-Bombay special Train

705. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner of Railway Safety has submitted its enquiry report on the accident of the Secunderabad Bombay special train which took place on the 4th June, 1990; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the report?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Commissioner of Railway Safety has submitted his Preliminary Report.

(b) According to the provisional findings of the Commissioner, the accident occurred due to failure of Railway Staff. As a result of the accident 36 persons were killed, 93 were injured, 43 of them grievously. The cost of demage to railway assets was about Rs. 3.12 crores.

Complete indigenisation of Maruti Car production

706. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of indigenisation achieved so far in the production of Maruti Cars;